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### **Withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment**

Application No. 10/738359

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For: Surgical Robot and Robotic Controller

A review of the above application reveals that a rejection was mailed to the applicant on 03/13/2009. A three month shortened statutory period for response was given to respond to that action. No response was recorded as being received by the Office and thus the application was abandoned on 09/16/2009. Recently, however, the Office did locate a response submitted by the applicant. The submission was dated within the response period set in the above rejection and apparently crossed in the mail with the Notice of Abandonment.

In view of these facts, the abandonment of the application is considered premature and is hereby withdrawn. The application will be forwarded to the Examiner for consideration of the Response filed 09/11/2009.

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